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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Ultra-Wideband
ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing at the request of representatives of Time Domain in response to the FCC's Notice of Purposed Rule Making on ultra-wideband radio.

As Coordinator of Programs and Policies at the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, I believe that the FCC should authorize the development of ultra-wideband technology, particularly in the areas of communication for natural or man-made catastrophes, as well as enhanced radar capability which could be used in health care settings to monitor patients' activities and locations.

These advances in technology need to be developed, with appropriate controls, to increase the public health and safety for our citizens. Accordingly, I urge the FCC to allow this ultra-wideband technology to proceed, provided that adequate protections are employed to protect existing public safety communications systems as well as individual's privacy rights.

Sincerely,

Desmond H. Byrne
Programs and Policies Coordinator

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